

Mono County Fisheries Commission
Wednesday, July 6, 2016 ~ 10am
June Lake Community Center, June Lake

MINUTES

Attending: Mueller, Burak, King, Jones, Anthony, Morton, Parker

Staff: Simpson

Others: Dr. Tom Jenkins, Cindy Kamler, Richard Ernst, Abagael Giles

1. CALL TO ORDER: 10:08am
2. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4-6-16 and 5-4-16 and 6-1-16) Commissioner King discussed the need to take more detailed minutes and bringing back recording meetings. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORTON, SECONDED BY PARKER, TO APPROVE THE APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION APPROVED, 7-0. NO ABSTENTIONS.
5. STAFF/COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS: Mr. Simpson reported Trout Unlimited would be attending the next meeting to give an update on the June Lake Fish Survey. The 2016-17 Mono County budget process was under way and we are currently budgeting for the same funding for fish stocking, the MCFC regular budget and the Fish and Game Fine Fund. Fish stocking for the summer is currently under way but a load had to be diverted from Saddlebag Lake Resort due to the fire in Lee Vining. Ms. Mueller reported on a successful Trout Fest event that saw a small decrease in attendance but was an overall success. Ms. Mueller would be attending the next Inyo County Fisheries Commission to ask for money for the collaborative Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide and Map. Ms. Mueller also updated the commission on the LCT spawn in McGee Creek and discuss the possibility of adding additional Mono County waters to the LCT study currently being conducted in the June Lake Loop.
6. DEPARTMNET OF FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE: No Update.
7. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Simpson reported there could be additional money in the Fish and Game Fine Fund but we needed to see what other fees would be received by the end of the 15-16 fiscal year before budgeting additional money.
 - Fish and Game Fine Fund - \$7,500 Starting Balance.
 - MCFC regular budget - \$25,000 Starting Balance.
8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Eastern Sierra Wildlife Care Contract Renewal – Staff: Ms. Kamler gave a presentation on the past projects and successes of Eastern Sierra Wildlife Care and requested another contract for \$3,500 for the next 3 years. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANTHONY, SECONDED BY BURAK TO AWARD EASTERN SIERRA WILFLIFE CARE \$3,500 FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. MOTION APPROVED 7-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.
9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Rush Creek Flow Regimes Presentation by Sue Burak – Commissioner Burak: Commissioner Burak gave a presentation on Rush Creek Flow Regimes that

included detailed water flows and issues that could affect stream health and fishing in the Eastern Sierra. The commission requested further updates on this issue.

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION - Slinkard Creek Project Letter of Recommendation – Commissioner Mueller: This item was tabled until a letter of support could be drafted.
11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION - Letter of support for RCCP Form – Commissioner Morton: Commissioner Morton updated the commission on the progress of gaining letters of support for the RCCP regulation change on Rush Creek. He is still currently gathering more letters of support before he officially requests a letter of support from the commission.
12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Updating the Mono County Fisheries Catch and Release Brochure – Commission Mueller: The commission discussed the pros and cons of increasing the map size to include the rest of Inyo County to include Independence and Lone Pine. The commission discussed costs and staff time that would have to go into the project. Staff would approach Visit Mammoth, Visit Bishop and the Inyo County Fisheries Commission for next steps.
13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission Update – Staff: No update.
14. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: None
15. ADJOURNMENT – Next regular scheduled meeting is August 3, 2016 at 10am in June Lake.

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